



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2620

education; certification renewal fees

Purpose

Eliminates the range of fees SBE may charge for the renewal of any certificate, name changes, duplicates or changes of coding to existing files or certificates.

Background

The State Board of Education (SBE) is required to supervise and control the certification of persons engaged in instructional work in school districts. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is responsible for the issuance of the certificates based on the applicant's compliance with statute and rule. Standard teaching certificates are valid for six years and may be renewed six months prior to its expiration date or one year after it expires. In order to renew a certificate, teachers are required to submit an application for renewal that includes: 1) verification that 180 clock hours of professional development has been completed; 2) a questionnaire on criminal history; 3) a photocopy of a valid fingerprint clearance card; and 4) a check or money order for the appropriate fee.

SBE is permitted to fix and collect fees for the following: 1) issuance and evaluation of every certificate it issues; 2) renewal, name change, duplicate copy or changes of coding to existing files or certificates; 3) administration and evaluation of the examination on the U.S. and state Constitutions; and 4) administration and evaluation of the teacher proficiency examination. The fees assessed for the examinations may not exceed those assessed by the test publisher. Statute establishes dollar amount range SBE may charge for the issuance and renewal of certificates (A.R.S. § 15-531). Below are the statutory ranges and current fees as established by SBE rule (A.A.C. R7-2-619).

Fee	Statutory Range	Established Fee
Evaluation of qualification for certificate	\$20-\$30	\$30
Evaluation of qualification for endorsement	\$20-\$30	\$30
Issuance of a certificate, endorsement, or letter of non-qualification	\$20-\$30	\$30
Renewal of a certificate	\$10-\$20	\$20
Name change, duplicate copy or changes of coding to existing files or certificates	\$10-\$20	\$20

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

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Provisions

1. Eliminates the range of fees SBE may charge for the renewal of any certificate, name changes, duplicates or changes of coding to existing files or certificates.
2. Allows SBE to fix and collect fees for the evaluation of any certificate, name changes, duplicates or changes of coding to existing files or certificates.
3. Makes technical changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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